

The LEAFLET



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City's Shop and Dine Event Recognized with an Award of Excellence

Last summer, the City's Economic Development division launched Shop and Dine Lake Forest. More than 400 businesses participated in the weeklong event, offering special promotions and deals throughout the City. The event promoted local businesses and encouraged residents to support the community by keeping tax dollars local.

Residents, visitors, and businesses alike recognized the event as a huge success. In addition, the California Association of Local Economic Development also recognized the City's efforts by presenting them with the Award of Excellence in Economic Development Promotions. This award recognizes statewide public and professional programs that have made significant contributions in economic development. Shop and Dine Lake Forest was selected based on the effectiveness of the promotion, creativity, and contribution to the City's overall tax base and job growth. This award would not have been possible without the participation of our local businesses and support from our residents. To learn more about upcoming activities and opportunities in our community, log on to www.lakeforest-business.com. Thank you to all who made this possible, and remember – Shop and Dine Lake Forest!



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CITY MANAGER'S



Message

Capital Improvement Projects

Driving around town, you may have noticed we've got a lot going on in the City in terms of capital improvement projects – both on our streets and at our parks. Many of you have probably driven by at least one of the four streetscape projects currently underway. Just a few weeks ago, we finished up the street light synchronization project on El Toro Road. I've also heard from a lot of drivers that they can't wait to try the new Alton Parkway – and we're close! The grand opening is right around the corner, and notices for a celebration event will be posted on the City's homepage and emailed out in a special eNews blast to our email subscribers (to join our mailing list, visit www.lakeforestca.gov/enewsletter).

Another event we have planned in the next few weeks is the Rancho Parkway Project Celebration (details will be posted on the City's homepage). The Rancho Parkway project will extend Rancho Parkway as a four-lane divided roadway from Hermana Circle to Portola Parkway, providing access to the future Sports Park and Recreation Center. Construction began in April and is scheduled to be completed by November 2012.

We are also anticipating the completion of the Tamarisk and Rimgate Park renovations this summer. Park goers will soon be able to enjoy shade structures, new play equipment, new restroom buildings, and landscape and irrigation improvements at both parks. The Sports Park project is also progressing, with mass grading scheduled to begin in a few months.

We're excited to bring you these and other capital improvement projects that maintain the high quality of life residents and businesses have come to expect. For the latest news on capital improvement projects in Lake Forest, visit the City's website at www.lakeforestca.gov/CIP.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Dunek

Robert C. Dunek,
City Manager

Lake Forest Pride of Ownership Photo Contest

Have you recently completed a home improvement project that you'd like to show off? Maybe it was adding a pool, planting a garden, updating a kitchen, or tiling a bathroom? Large or small, we're looking for before and after photos of projects within Lake Forest which reflect your pride of ownership.

Submit your before and after photos and they could be featured in an upcoming issue for all to see and to be inspired. Selected entrants will receive a prize basket filled with home improvement helpers!

Entries can be dropped off at City Hall, mailed in, or emailed to LFPrize@lakeforestca.gov. For more information, call 461-3544.



Upcoming City Council Meeting Dates

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, April 17
- Tuesday, May 1
- Tuesday, May 15
- Tuesday, June 5

20th Anniversary Winning Essay

“Tell Your Story ... Share Your Vision”



In the last edition of The Leaflet, in honor of Lake Forest's 20th anniversary, the City invited graduating seniors to participate in a scholarship essay contest. The City received a number of great essays, and finally selected the winning first place essay submitted by Zoe Vanderlinden from El Toro High School. Following is an excerpt from her essay. Congratulations Zoe!

I have spent most of my childhood here, making lifelong memories with my family and friends. One such memory that stands above all others took place on July 4th, 2006. I woke up early, anticipating all the events in store for me. My mother had announced the schedule the night before. First, my family and I were to get dressed and go out to the 8:00 pancake breakfast at El Toro High School. Then we would go watch Lake Forest's annual Fourth of July Parade, followed by a block party with neighbors on our street. Lastly, we would walk to the lake to watch the firework display at the Sun and Sail Club.

Reaching El Toro High, I recognized children from my elementary school. We all got in line, alongside a long row of tables to pay for and receive our food, which consisted of fluffy pancakes coated in syrup and sausages, served with a glass of orange juice. Afterwards, we sat chatting and laughing until the parade was about to start. As the parade flowed past us, we gazed at the numerous floats, cars, and even horses that went by with child-like excitement. Picking up candy thrown from the floats and being squirted with water guns were our favorite parts.

When it was all over, everyone along the street began folding up their chairs and heading to their houses. Inside my house, we prepared a large pasta salad and a pie to bring to a block party organized by our neighbors. A few hours later, my family and I carried our food down to the center of the street, joining our neighbors in eating food prepared by one another.

By eight o' clock at night we were making our way to the lake at the Sun and Sail Club with blankets in hand. It was time for us to find just the right spot to watch the fireworks. Once found, my family and I laid everything out and forced our eyes open as we huddled, watching the sky light up with glittering bursts of color.

In the years ahead, Lake Forest will continue to thrive and grow as a community. Most importantly, I feel that residents will continue to adopt an environmentally friendly attitude in the future. As many become more aware of the vital issue concerning the protection of our planet and resources, I expect that the people of Lake Forest will feel obligated to do their part by refusing to litter, habitually recycling, picking up after pets, and using safer alternatives to harmful chemicals, like pesticides, or reducing the amounts added to their homes and yards.

In addition, changes will be made to schools to maintain a positive learning experience. Students would be provided with healthier meal options, as well as appropriate portion sizes. Vending machines could be stocked with only water and juices. Student computers are to be of good quality and replaced with newer computers no more than four years old. To raise money for school activities, schools could organize fundraisers and events. My hope is that future generations receive an educational environment that is equivalent to, if not exceeding my own.

Flag Retirement Drop Box Now Available at City Hall

Cub Scout Pack 765 recently presented the City with a U.S. Flag Drop Box. The flag drop box provides residents an opportunity to drop off torn and faded United States flags for proper retirement. Pack 765 will maintain the drop-box, regularly withdrawing flags to be retired by local Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, or Girl Scout Troops requesting a flag to be used for their flag retirement ceremony. The donation was made in honor of retiring Cub Master Sam Koepnick. The drop box is located in the lobby near the City's Building Counter and is available during regular business hours.



National Night Out Connect with Your Community

Join your friends and neighbors as we celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7. National Night Out is a day that encourages the community to support local anti-crime programs, strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. Together we can send a message to criminals letting them know our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. It's fun, festive, and interactive! We hope to see you there!

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

Foothill Ranch Community Park (19422 Rue de Valore)

4 pm – 8 pm

Admission is free

For more information, please call 461-3546.



20th Anniversary Golf Tournament

Save the Date!

Friday, July 20 • 2–6 p.m.

Celebrate the City's 20th Anniversary by participating in a "best ball" shotgun start community golf tournament. Tournament entrants can register as a single player, twosome, threesome, or foursome. The entry fee is \$25 per person and includes the green fee, goody bag, closest-to-the-pin contest, t-shirt, awards, and a post-tournament barbecue. Registration will begin on Tuesday, May 15. Spaces are limited. For more information, call 461-3450.

FREE Oil Filter Exchange

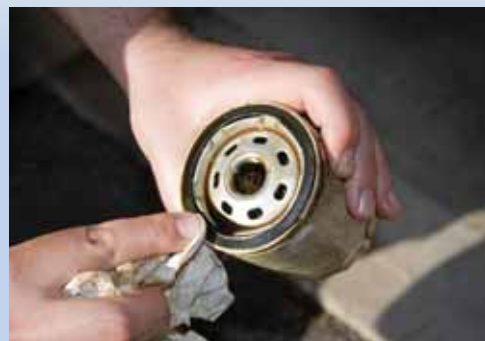
One Day Only

Bring in your used oil filter and receive a new filter for FREE! Limit of two (2) free filters per household.

When: Saturday, June 9, 2012
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: Pep Boys
22671 Lake Forest Drive

Remember that used oil must be stored properly in a clean, uncontaminated container.



Tips for Spring Gardening – Low Impact Pest Control



Now that spring has arrived, your green thumb may be calling you into your garden. Unfortunately, that same call is going out to the local insect population. But don't fret! There are a number of green options that can protect your home and garden as well as protect our local creeks, lakes and the ocean!

Keep Those Creepy Crawlies Out!

Preventative maintenance can go a long way in keeping out unwanted visitors. Insects are looking for food, water and shelter – if you eliminate these necessities, they won't scavenge in your home or garden! Keep the areas around your home garbage and debris-free. Also, keeping plants trimmed away from doors, window frames and utility entrance points can eliminate these common pest entrances.

Pest Patrol!

Did you know that a variety of common household items can be used to repel insects?

- The strong smell of garlic and cayenne pepper can be used to deter a variety of bugs, especially aphids. By chopping 6 cloves of garlic and mixing it with 1 tbsp. of baby shampoo in 1 quart of water, you can create an effective repellent for your rose bushes.
- A mixture of coffee grounds and eggshells can be sprinkled around the base of plants to repel ants, snails, and slugs.
- To keep wasps away from ripening fruit, fill several cans with equal parts ammonia and water, and hang them among your fruit trees.
- Crushed mint, bay leaves, cloves and eucalyptus wrapped in small cheesecloth squares can also be hung in your home and garden as a natural repellent.

Green Gardens and Local Resources!

Implementing an effective combination of preventative maintenance and green insect repellants can protect our local waterways from pesticide pollution, as well as keep insects out of your home and garden. Happy gardening!



24-Hour Water Pollution Hotline (877) 89-SPILL

Remember, the Ocean Begins At Your Front Door.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 461-3480.

FAIR HOUSING



An impediment to fair housing opportunity is any policy or practice that denies or adversely affects the provision of housing to a person in any protected class. Examples of a protected class include minorities, elderly, and disabled persons. As a recipient of annual Federal Community Development Block Grant funds, the City of Lake Forest is committed to furthering fair housing practices in the community and cooperates with the Fair Housing Council of Orange County to eliminate discriminatory practices county-wide. Fair Housing opportunity is the law. If you or someone you know has a fair housing question or issue that needs to be addressed, please call the City's Housing Manager at 461-3471.

Recreation/Events Calendar

Spring 2012 (May/June 2012)

MAY

Vista Lookout Hike **5**

9-11 a.m.

Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park

Fee: \$5 (includes snack and bottled water); additional \$3 parking fee per car

Rancho Days Fiesta **6**

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Heritage Hill
Historical Park
(25151 Serrano Rd)

Fee: \$3 children 3-12; \$4 adults



Summer Resident Registration Begins Online, Mail-In, Walk-In **15**

8 a.m.

City of Lake Forest
Community Services Dept
(25550 Commercentre Dr)

Specific class and
program fees apply



Aliso Creek Clean-Up Day **19**

9 -11:30 a.m.

Cherry Ave and Fernbank

Free to participate



Prelude in the Park **20**

5-7:30 p.m.

Pittsford Park
(21701 Pittsford Dr)

Fee: Free (nominal fee for food)



JUNE

Serrano Canyon Hike **2**

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park

Fee: \$5 (includes snack and bottled water); additional \$3 parking fee per car

"Rpl Effect" and "Sister Venus" Concert & BBQ **3**

3-6 p.m.

Nature Park (26215 Dimension Dr)

Fee: Free (nominal fee for food)



Band Nights at the Skatepark **15**

6-10 p.m.

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
(20028 Lake Forest Dr)

Fee: \$5 entry fee per person



Movies in the Park: "The Lion King" **15**

7:30 p.m.

Cherry Park (22651 Cherry Ave)

Fee: Free

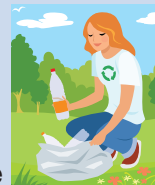


Riverbed Cleanup **23**

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Etnies Skatepark
of Lake Forest
(20028 Lake Forest Dr)

Fee: Free to participate



Borrego Trail at Whiting Ranch Hike **23**

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park

Fee: \$5 ; additional
\$3 parking fee per car

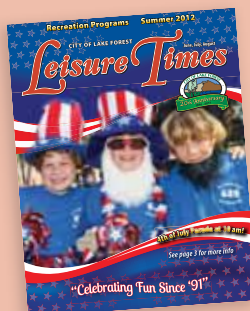


Summer Concert Series: Melinda Doolittle and Kina Grannis **24**

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Pittsford Park
(21701 Pittsford Dr)

Fee: Free



We will see you
at our 21st Annual
4th of July Parade
at 10 a.m.!

(see inside Summer Leisure Times
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For more info on any of these activities, call Community Services at 461-3450.



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OC Animal Care 249-5160
Building Division 461-3470
Building Inspection. . . . 461-3468
City Clerk 461-3420
City Council 461-3420
City Manager's Office . . . 461-3410
Code Enforcement 461-3474
Community
Policing Center 461-3530
Etnies Skatepark 916-5870
Graffiti Hotline 461-3583
Planning 461-3491
Public Works 461-3480
Recreation 461-3450
Redevelopment 461-3567

IMPORTANT CITY WEBSITES

City
www.lakeforestca.gov
Economic Development
www.lakeforestbusiness.com
Lake Forest Redevelopment Agency
www.thearbor.info
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
www.etnieskateparkoflakeforest.com



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"EXPAND THE FOREST"

The Expand the Forest program allows members of the community to dedicate trees in memory of departed loved ones or to commemorate special occasions while encouraging the expansion of our urban forest. Trees are \$70 and are planted and maintained by the City. There are several different species of approved trees which may be planted in several City parks.

For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 461-3480.



SPONSORS	TREE SPECIES	LOCATION	DEDICATION
City of Lake Forest Management Services	Liquid Amber	Rancho Serrano Park	In Memory of Helen E. Ostrom
Boy Scout Troop 639 (Foothill Ranch)	Liquid Amber	Borrego Overlook Park	In Memory of Glenn Oliver – ASM Troop 639
Woodcrest Preschool	Tristania	Rancho Serrano Park	The Wonderful Children at Woodcrest Preschool
Jeanne Bayer and his sisters Amy, Stacey and Jenny	Sycamore	Alton Park	Still Missing Our Son and Brother – In Memory of David Huxell
Steven, Trudy and Ashlee Espinoza	Liquid Amber	Rancho Serrano Park	In Loving Memory of Grandma Hampton
MacKenzie Corporation	Liquid Amber	Borrego Overlook Park	In Memory of Lena Hampton
The Furbie Family, Richard, Cara, Alan and David	Magnolia Tree	Borrego Overlook Park	In Loving Memory of Susan Furbie Howard
Richard and Cara Furbie	Magnolia Tree	Borrego Overlook Park	Susan Furbie Howard

Looking for a Pet? Visit Lake Forest Pet of the Week!

Visit the City's website to meet the Lake Forest "Pet of the Week!" The "Pet of the Week" is a joint effort between the City and OC Animal Care to find a forever home for adoptable Lake Forest animals. A new pet is featured each week, along with an update on the adoption status of the previous Pet of the Week.

Last year there were over 11,000 successful adoptions of dogs, cats and other animals from OC Animal Care. Visit www.ocpetinfo.com for more available animals that are in need of warm and loving homes. For more information, contact OC Animal Care at 249-5160 or visit them at ocgov.com.



www.lakeforestca.gov/pet_of_the_week